

REMARKS

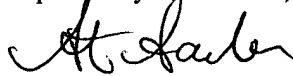
The applicants appreciate the examiner's review of the prior art and indication that claims 13, 16-24, 37-47, 49, and 63-73 are allowable. Applicants also wish to express their appreciation for the examiner's indication that dependent claims 3, 10, 76, and 79 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, to expedite prosecution, the applicants have added claims 3 and 76 to their respective independent claims, and claims 10 and 79 were combined with their independent claims to produce new claims 82 and 90, respectively. Specifically:

- Claim 3 was added to independent claim 1,
- Claim 76 was added to independent claim 74,
- Claim 10 was added to independent claim 1 to produce new claim 82, and
- Claim 79 was added to independent claim 74 to produce new claim 90.

All claims therefore are allowable over the cited art.

The application therefore is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request any extension of time, if necessary. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. Applicants also request that the examiner contact applicant's attorney, Steven Saunders, if it will assist in processing this application through issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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